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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**[Docket No. ED-2021-SCC-0155]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Borrower Defenses Against Loan Repayment**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by

selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Borrower Defenses Against Loan Repayment

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0132

*Type of Review:* An extension without change of a currently approved collection

*Respondents / Affected Public:* Individuals and Households

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 150,000

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 150,000

*Abstract:* This is a request for an extension of the current information collection for Form 1845-0132. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) continues to require the collection of this information from borrowers who believe they have cause to request the borrower defense to loan repayment forgiveness of a student loan as noted in regulation in 1998 Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) (Sec. 455(h)). This burden continues to be necessary to ensure Heald, Everest and/or WyoTech College borrowers who wish to invoke the borrower defense against repayment of federal student loans can do so in a uniform and informed manner.

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